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# CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

# CCM supports the following bills:

- S.B 741 "An Act Providing a "Move Over" Law for Connecticut."
- > H.B 5261 "An Act Requiring Motor Vehicle Operators to Change Lanes When Approaching an Emergency Vehicle with its Flashing Lights in Operation that is Stopped on the Shoulder or in the Lane of a Highway."
- ➤ H.B 5643 "An Act Requiring Motor Vehicles to "Move Over."
- > H.B 5894 "An Act Establishing a "Move Over" Law in Connecticut."
- > H.B 6071 "An Act Requiring a "Move Over" Law in Connecticut."
- > H.B 6225 "An Act Establishing a "Move Over" Law for Motor Vehicles."

The aforementioned bills would establish a "Move Over" Law in Connecticut. Requiring motor vehicle operators to move over one lane, if possible, if an emergency vehicle with flashing lights is parked on the shoulder or in the lane of a highway.

CCM supports any proposal that seeks to protect those Police, Fire and Ambulance men and women responding to an emergency on Connecticut's highways.

CCM urges the Committee to *favorably report* on the aforementioned bills.

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